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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of William Henry Dittmann, who passed away on October 25, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, He was born on May 2, 1912 in St. Louis, Missouri; his parents were the late Robert W. and Estelle (Bluthardt) Dittmann; and

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WHEREAS, William Dittmann married Catherine Siegmund on November 30, 1935 in Webster Groves, Missouri; she preceded him in death; and

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WHEREAS, He graduated from Webster Groves High School and attended Washington University in St. Louis; he worked for the Winchester Arms Division of the Olin Corporation for 44 years; in 1933 he joined the Western Cartridge Company, a predecessor company, as a shipping clerk; he worked his way up the ranks, becoming assistant sales manager at East Alton in 1951; he then went to New Haven, Connecticut to work as an ammunition marketing manager; in 1961 he returned to Alton as central area sales manager for the Winchester-Western Division, retiring in 1977; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dittmann was involved in historic preservation in the Alton area; along with his wife Catherine, he spent much of his time after retirement preserving their historic home in Alton; and

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WHEREAS, He was an avid sportsman, wildlife supporter, and preservationist; he was a member of the Alton Landmarks Association, Lockhaven Country Club, a supporter of the National Rifle Association, and a member of the First Unitarian Church of Alton; and

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1           WHEREAS, William Dittmann is survived by his daughter and  
2 son-in-law, Jane Dittmann and Donald H. Voss; his  
3 grandchildren; and his sister, Dorothy Mill Biggs; and

4           WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his son, Robert W.  
5 Dittmann II, and his sister, Jane D. Betz; therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
8 his family and friends, the passing of William Dittmann; and be  
9 it further

10           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
11 presented to the family of William Dittmann.